

IRLS IN PANIC FORGOT DRILL AT FACTORY FIRE

Hundred in Wild Dash for Fire Escapes When Blaze Starts in Big Loft Building.

Over a hundred girl employees of the H. J. H. Co., button manufacturers, were preparing to eat lunch in a factory room on the top floor of a five-story loft building at Fourteenth Street and Seventh Avenue, at noon today, when a box of celluloid lighted. A column of flame shot up and the girls fled. Although they have been practicing fire drill weekly there was no attempt to follow the drill in getting

out of the place. The building is ringed with fire escapes and only this prevented the injury of many. The girls rushed down the stairs, and as they passed other floors' employees of the building joined them in the flight to the street.

The fire had practically burned itself out inside of the metal box containing the celluloid before the arrival of the firemen. An investigation disclosed that the fire was probably caused by a hot button being thrown from a machine near the celluloid box and dropping into it.

Falls Six Flights to Death.

Max Neu, thirty-eight of No. 174 Manhattan Street, was killed this afternoon at his home when he fell from the balcony of the sixth floor to the first. Neu until a month ago was a postal clerk and suffered a nervous breakdown. It is believed he became faint as he started down the stairway, lost his balance and plunged head first

MITCHELL LAUDS BOYS FUND PLAN AS CIVIC HELP

At To-Day's Luncheon Mayor Talks on Benefits of the Scheme.

NOTED GUESTS PRESENT

"All Star" Cast Will Give Great Benefit Performance on Saturday.

The stamp of official approval was today placed by Mayor Mitchell upon the movement of the Boys' Club Association to raise \$500,000 for the Boys' Club of Avenue A and the Newsboys' Home Club. Mr. Mitchell was one of the guests and speakers at the luncheon of the workers for the fund at the campaign headquarters, No. 57 Chambers Street, and his enthusiastic words of commendation did much to cheer on to further efforts the two hundred business and professional men who are laboring for the fund.

Among the other guests at the luncheon were Frederick C. Tanner, Chairman of the Republican State Committee; Job E. Hedges, George Gordon Battle and Ralph Pulitzer.

"It is a most praiseworthy undertaking and a good civic work to establish quarters where these boys can meet each other under conditions that are wholesome," said the Mayor. "This is a movement that will make for better citizenship in this city."

It was announced that during the twenty-four hours ending at noon today the committee had collected \$5,361. This brings the total collection to date up to \$85,629.45.

Mr. Tanner also spoke in praise of the Boys' Club movement. Vaudeville artists, cartoonists, boxers, wrestlers, a prima donna and prominent men of affairs are going to unite their talents in a benefit at the Boys' Club of Avenue A, Tenth Street and Avenue A, next Saturday night. As a result of their efforts

the committee in charge of the boys' campaign for half a million dollars expects to have a large amount added to the fund.

Chaired by the prospect of the valuable assistance and encouraged by the congratulations and good wishes received last night from President Wilson over the long distance telephone, the boys of the club and the two hundred busy men who are working for them today renewed with added vigor their efforts to gather in elusive dollars.

What might well be called an "all-star bill" has been arranged by H. F. Hothusen for Saturday night's benefit in the big assembly room of the Club of Avenue A. One of the guests of honor will be John K. Tener, President of the National Baseball League and former Governor of Pennsylvania. Park Commissioner Cabot Ward is expected to attend and Boxing Commissioner Fred Wenck will make an address.

There is little doubt, however, that the eyes of the little chaps will be fixed throughout the evening on Frank Moran, principal contender for the heavyweight championship, who has been matched to fight Jess Willard. Moran will attend the benefit and perhaps give the boys a few pointers on the many art. Also, he will referee two wrestling bouts which will be staged between four of the wrestlers now competing in the international tournament at the Manhattan Opera House.

Samuels Brothers, Russian impresarios, have volunteered the services of their Balalaika orchestra, conducted by Alex Ivanoff. Marcel Albus, concert prima donna, will introduce several new songs.

Comic cartoon characters will be made to dance across a blackboard by Goldberg, and Fred Fischer will play and sing some of his newest compositions. Solly Cohn, monologist and singer, will show off the newest musical wares of the Leo Peist Musical Publishing Company, and Countess Tonascoco of Roumania, known on the stage as Marguerite Destreux, will do several classic dances. Ed Appoldt, comedy boxer, will help furnish the laughs.

Tickets will be sold for \$1, with a few reserved seats at \$2. They may be obtained from Superintendent Louis De Forest Downer at the Boys' Club, or at the campaign headquarters, No. 57 Chambers Street.

That the boys themselves are helping their elders raise the fund, one need have no doubt. On the wall of the big assembly room in the clubhouse on Avenue A is a box with a slot in the top of it. Above the box is a card bearing the inscription:

"Any boy who wishes to help us build a bigger boys' club can put his money here."

BOYS GATHER TO HEAR PRESIDENT'S WORDS.

Eager attention gleamed in every eye of the sixty boyish faces that framed the platform at which Robert S. Scarborough of the New York Telephone Company sat in the Boys' Club of Avenue A last night, when he was connected with President Wilson at the White House. Every boy who could had a receiver at his ear, and in the background were 200 more youngsters who had not been fortunate enough to be chosen among those who were to hear the President's words.

Through Mr. Foster, assistant secretary to the President, Mr. Scarborough was introduced to the Chief Executive and greetings passed between them. Then Mr. Scarborough said:

"Mr. President, I am one of a committee that is raising \$500,000 to extend the work of the Boys' Club of Avenue A and the Newsboys' Home Club. We have now about 5,000 members, ranging in age from seven to fifteen. There are several hundred of the boys assembled here, with telephone receivers at their ears, waiting to hear your voice. These boys are sturdy, independent little chaps, who only need an opportunity and inspiration. The boys who are here, and no inspiration could be greater than a few cheering words from the President of the United States, for, Mr. President, they are all real Americans."

President Wilson's voice came clearly and distinctly over the wires to the ears of the waiting youngsters.

"I am very glad to have the opportunity of addressing a few words to the boys," the President said. "I hope you will have all success in your great work. It is one of the first signs of friendship for the youngsters who have us as benefactors. My sympathy has always been for the boys. I wish them all a happy New Year."

As the President's voice died away, a great cheer arose from the assembled youths. It echoed over the wires and came to the President's ears in Washington. Mr. Foster had taken the phone in the White House by this time, and to Mr. Scarborough came from him an inquiry as to the cause of the wave of sound that had broken on Mr. Wilson's ears before he relinquished the receiver. Mr. Scarborough explained that it was the cheers of the President's excited auditors.

One little chap, with a receiver at his ear, had been unusually busy with a pencil and pad while the President was speaking. And when the talk was concluded he proudly announced, he had recorded in shorthand every word the President had said. So this enterprising youngster, Barry Benckoff, sixteen years old, of No. 350 East Fifteenth Street, was immediately voted the official stenographer of the Boys' Club of Avenue A.

Joseph Conolly, manager of these latest pictures from the war fronts across the water, has donated all of the receipts for the week's show to the State Treasury for the half-million dollar fund that is being raised for the city's boys. If you haven't made a cash donation to the fund, you shouldn't miss seeing the war pictures.

ASSEMBLY'S FIRST BILL.

ALBANY, Jan. 18.—The bill authorizing the \$27,000,000 Barge Canal bond issue, intended to provide for the return to the State Treasury of the \$1,654,000 raised last year by direct tax for canal purposes, passed the Assembly without opposition today. It now goes to the Senate, where speedy action is expected. The measure was the first of the 1916 Legislature to pass the Lower House.

SKULL GRINS IN HOLD-UP NOTE BOY WROTE BOSS

Temperamental Leopold Demands \$300 Just to See Detectives "Find Nothing."

Leopold Weber, seventeen years old, blond and small, has been clerk and office boy for years in the tailor shop of Nathan Berkowitz, No. 1736 Pitkin Avenue, Brownsville. Leopold is a linguist, with a knack of writing songs. He is full of temperament. Boss Berkowitz received a letter on Nov. 24 directing him to give \$300 to the "members of the Black and White" under penalty of danger to your property, your family and yourself. The signature was embellished with a picture of a skull grinning over crossed swords.

Detectives swore out a warrant charging Leopold with making false entries on bank deposit slips. Berkowitz refused to prosecute. Meantime the detectives saw the "Black and White" letter was in Leopold's handwriting. They arrested him, and he admitted he had written the letter for the fun of seeing detectives prowling around and finding nothing.

Judge Veeder in the United States District Court today sent temperamental Leopold to the Nassau County Jail for two weeks, in view of the fact that he already had been locked up for two weeks.

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